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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

CARROLL KILPATRICK REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD PLEDGED TO AMERICA'S MOST POWERFUL ALLY IN EUROPE TO WORK TOWARD MORE INTIMATE ECONOMIC TIES AND TO HOLD A FOUR-POWER MEETING ON FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN HELSINKI LATER THIS WEEK. THE PRESIDENT TOLD WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, WHO HAS ALSO PROPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONFERENCE FOR LATER IN THE YEAR, THAT THE AMERICAN RECOVERY HAS BEGUN IN A GRADUAL WAY. (A-1)

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT SAID YESTERDAY THAT EGYPT'S ARMY IS IN A STATE OF FULL MOBILIZATION AND ON 24-HOUR ALERT, AND THAT THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE "NO CHOICE BUT TO GET READY FOR WAR" IF THE CURRENT AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORT FAILS TO BRING ABOUT A NEW ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI PENINSULA WITHIN THREE MONTHS. (A-1)

GEORGE WILSON REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO ADMIRAL ZUMWALT, THE SOVIET NAVY PLANS BETTER THAN THE U.S. THE SOVIET NAVY HAS PROGRESSED SO FAR, ZUMWALT SAID, THAT IF THE U.S. NAVY HE DEPLOYED DURING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR OF 1973 HAD BATTLED THE SOVIET NAVY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, "THE ODDS ARE VERY HIGH THAT THEY WOULD HAVE WON AND WE WOULD HAVE LOST." (A-1)

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ACCORDING TO NEWS DISPATCHES, A UNIT OF PORTUGUESE ARMY COMMANDOS OPENED FIRE YESTERDAY ON THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MARXIST-ORIENTED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, KILLING 20 POPULAR MOVEMENT SOLDIERS AND BY-STANDERS AND WOUNDING 22. (A-1)

DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAYS HE IS "CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE U.S. TO MAINTAIN THE MARITIME BALANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SOVIET NAVY IN HIS FISCAL 1976 POSTURE STATEMENT: "THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES EMPHASIZE SEA CONTROL AND THE PROJECTION OF POWER ASHORE THROUGH ATTACK CARRIERS AND AMPHIBIOUS FORCES." (A-3)

J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II GAVE THESE VIEWS ABOUT THE SOVIET NAVY IN A TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW: "THE LEADER OF THE SOVIET NAVY HAS A MUCH EASIER JOB" THAN HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. "FIRST OF ALL HE DOESN'T HAVE TO STOP AND GO FUNDING FOR HIS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.... I SEE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM AS TOO FEW SHIPS TO MEET THE THREAT -- TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENTS. MY WORRY IS WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE WILL IN THIS COUNTRY TO BUILD THE FLEET BACK TO WHERE WE CAN MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR NAVY AND SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY IN WORLD COUNCILS, GIVEN THE FORMIDABLE THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET NAVY." (A-3)

JOANNE OMANG WRITES THAT PRESIDENT PERON IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE TUESDAY FOR A WEEK'S VACATION WITHIN THE COUNTRY, A CHANGE OF PLANS THAT AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES CALLED A FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE HER PRESIDENCY. MRS. PERON'S ABSENCE FROM THE CAPITAL IS EXPECTED TO SLOW THINGS DOWN FURTHER, INCREASING THE UNREST AMONG ARGENTINES BATTLING DAILY ECONOMIC PRESSURES AND AMONG THE MILITARY MEN WHO TRADITIONALLY HAVE STEPPED IN WHEN THEY VIEWED THE NATIONAL SITUATION AS CHAOTIC AND BEYOND THE CONTROL OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENTS. (A-11)

ACCORDING TO TOM LAMBERT, PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL SHOVED HIS NEW PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE FIRMLY LEFTWARD WITH A SWEEPING PROGRAM NATIONALIZING THE COUNTRY'S LAND, SCHOOLS, MEDICINE, LAW, AND FUNERAL PARLORS. MACHEL ALSO ORDERED HIS COUNTRYMEN "TO GET READY TO GIVE ACTIVE AID IN THE STRUGGLE" OF BLACK NATIONALISTS IN RHODESIA. (A-15)

AN EDITORIAL STATES THAT THERE IS SCARCELY A MORE IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY VOTE FACING THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS THAN THAT OF HARRY BYRD'S AMENDMENT CALLING UPON THE SENATE TO JOIN THE HOUSE IN BLOCKING THE PRESIDENT FROM "NEGOTIATING THE SURRENDER

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OR THE RELINQUISHMENT OF ANY U.S. RIGHTS IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE." A VOTE ON THE SENATE FLOOR, ON AN AMENDMENT DEFEATED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE LAST THURSDAY, IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. THE CONGRESS HAS A RIGHT AND DUTY TO JUDGE A NEW TREATY WITH PANAMA AND IT WILL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS JUDGMENT AFTER A TREATY HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL; BECAUSE THE RETURN OF PROPERTY IS INVOLVED, THE HOUSE AS WELL AS THE SENATE WILL HAVE TO CONSENT (BY MAJORITY VOTE). THERE IS NO SUGGESTION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO SNEAK SOMETHING THROUGH. IT IS ODD THAT SUCH AN URGENT ADVOCATE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER AS HARRY BYRD SHOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO GO TO THE FLOOR WITH A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL -- AND ONE INVADING A PRESIDENT'S UNCHALLENGED POWERS AT THAT. HIS FELLOW SENATORS SHOULD SET HIM STRAIGHT. (A-22)

MICHAEL ADAMS WRITES THAT ISRAELIS AND OTHERS WHO FAVOR AN EVENTUAL OVERALL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDEAST ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED POLICY OF ESTABLISHING JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WITH MORE THAN 50 SETTLEMENTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND WITH THE PROCESS OF COLONIZATION ACCELERATING THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, MANY ISRAELIS ARE EASILY UNAWARE OF THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS SAYING AND WHAT IT IS DOING ABOUT REACHING A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS. THE SETTLEMENTS ARE 50 CLASSIC EXAMPLES OF THE WAY THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED; BUT IF THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE ITSELF, THE ISRAELIS WILL SOONER OR LATER HAVE TO ABANDON THESE OUTPOSTS BEYOND THEIR BORDERS -- EVEN IF IT MEANS REVERSING THE COURSE OF ZIONIST HISTORY. (A-22)

GEORGE WILL WRITES THAT WHILE THE REST OF WESTERN EUROPE -- EVEN SPAIN -- HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SKELETON OF A PLURALIST SOCIETY, PORTUGAL HAS SLUMBERED, A BORED INVERTEBRATE. IT HAS KNOWN DESPOTISMS FOR CENTURIES, WITH A BRIEF INTERLUDE OF REPUBLICAN CHAOS BETWEEN 1910 AND 1926. ON APRIL 25, 1974, THE BOREDOM ENDED WHEN THE ARMED FORCES OVERTURNED THE OLD RULERS LIKE SO MANY CRUMBLING STATUES. BUT AFTER LESS THAN 16 MONTHS OF DAYLIGHT, THE PORTUGUESE ARE GAGGING ON PASSIONS AND PLUNGING BACK INTO AN EVEN DARKER NIGHT, UNDER A GOVERNMENT WORTHY OF THE MONGOL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. (A-23)

EVANS AND NOVAK CONTEND THAT A LONG, EXCEEDINGLY CORDIAL VISIT WITH PRESIDENT FORD LAST THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER RESULTED IN BACKFIRING THE BUMPY ANTI-ROCKEFELLER CAMPAIGN OF HOWARD CALLAWAY, INTENDED TO APPEASE THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT WING. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR WHITE HOUSE AIDE, MR. FORD SAID THURSDAY HE HOPED CAMPAIGN

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MANAGER CALLAWAY WOULD DO MORE ORGANIZING AND LESS TALKING IN THE FUTURE. IN FACT, THE ORDINARILY ACCESSIBLE CALLAWAY SPEND A PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED THREE-DAY WEEKEND OUT OF WASHINGTON AND OUT OF TOUCH. BUT HE WILL BE TALKING AGAIN TUESDAY MORNING AT A BREAKFAST WITH NEWSMEN, WHERE THE DILEMMA FACING THE FORD CAMPAIGN WILL BE INTENSE. FOR CALLAWAY TO REITERATE HIS REMARKS OF LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOULD INVITE POSSIBLE PUBLIC REPUDIATION FROM MR. FORD. TO BACK AWAY FROM THEM WOULD EXACERBATE THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN PROBLEMS. THE BENEFICIARIES ARE THE REAGANITES -- OR, IN THE LONG RUN, THE DEMOCRATS. (A-23)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

HENRY TANNER WRITES THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, EGYPT HAS BEEN USING LEVERAGE ON SOVIET NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITIES TO WIN FINANCIAL CONCESSIONS FROM MOSCOW. (1)

JAMES NAUGHTON WRITES THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AGREED THAT IT WAS "VITALLY IMPORTANT" THAT THE U.S. INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC POLICY WITH WESTERN EUROPE. (1)

FLORA LEWIS WRITES THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IS CONVINCED THAT "CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRACY IS CONDEMNED" AND THAT MOST PEOPLE ALMOST EVERYWHERE "ASPIRE TO LIBERAL REFORM." "REFORM DEMOCRACY," HE SAID, IS THE KEY TO HIS ADMINISTRATION. (2)

THOMAS JOHNSON WRITES THAT AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE BEGUN A CAMPAIGN TO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA'S STATUS AS AN "INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE" DECLARED ILLEGAL WITHIN THE WORLD COMMUNITY. THE MOVE, BEGUN IN THE CURRENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE OAU, IS EXPECTED TO BE EXTENDED TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FALL. (2)

MARVINE MORE REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL'S SOCIALIST PARTY APPEALED FOR THE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION BACKED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE TO AVOID THE RESTORATION OF DICTATORSHIP. (3)

JONATHAN KANDELL WRITES THAT THE RECENT DEPARTURE OF JOSE LOPEZ REGA HAS OPENED A STANGE INTERLUDE IN WHICH THE PRESS, TELEVISION, AND OTHER ARGENTINE NEWS MEDIA ARE EMPLOYING MORE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION THAN AT ANYTIME BEFORE IN TWO YEARS OF PERONIST RULE. (3)

DAVID BINDER REPORTS THAT THE HEAD OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT SAID HE BELIEVED THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WAS

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MINATION OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN FORCES OF CHANGE AND FORCES OF STATUS QUO THAT HAS BEEN SHAPING UP FOR A LONG TIME, HAVE BEEN MISREPORTED AND MISUNDERSTOOD IN THE WEST PARTLY BECAUSE THE REVOLUTION -- IT IS NO LESS -- IS SO IMMEDIATE THAT ITS IMPLICATIONS AND POSSIBLE SUCCESS OR FAILURE ARE NOT CLEARLY ASSESSED. THE BASIC CHALLENGE IN INDIA HAS NEVER BEEN WHETHER SHE SHOULD HAVE A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AS KNOWN IN THE WEST OR A TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM. THIS DEBATE IS ALIEN TO INDIA. THE POLITICAL STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA DEPEND EXCLUSIVELY ON HER ABILITY TO MAINTAIN HER SECULARISM AND AN ECONOMIC APPROACH THAT WOULD LEAD TO ABOLITION OF POVERTY, LESSENING OF INEQUALITIES OF WEALTH, AND MODERNIZING OF HER SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN A PEACEFUL MANNER. 921) WILLIAM SPIRE COMMENTS THAT A GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN WOULD ADVISE YOU TO LET THE CURRENT PRESS CRITICISM OF THE FORTHCOMING HELSINKI SUPERSUMMIT RUN ITS COURSE. IN THE COMING WEEKS, THE MEDIA TORCH WILL PASS FROM PUNDITS TO CAMERAMEN; A SUMMIT MAKES GOOD TELEVISION, AND THE FACES OF TELEVISION NEWSMEN AGAINST EXOTIC BACKDROPS WILL SET THE STAGE FOR YOUR PUBLIC-OPINION COMEBACK. THEN YOU CAN BE EXPECTED TO COUNTERATTACK. IN A SERIES OF BACKGROUNDEERS TO HUNGRY NEWSMEN, YOU MAY REVEAL YOUR "STRATEGY." (21)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

HENRY TREWHITT REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A WESTERN MINI-SUMMIT MEETING IN HELSINKI THIS WEEK TO ACKNOWLEDGE FORMALLY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AS THEIR GREATEST IMMEDIATE COMMON THREAT. (A-1)

GENE OTSHI REPORTS THE THE BUNDESWEHR, ONCE BURDENED WITH MEMORIES OF HITLER'S WEHRMACHT, IS BECOMING SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE AND, BECAUSE OF THE CRUSH OF APPLICANTS, WOULD-BE VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING TURNED AWAY IN DROVES. (A-2)

HAL PIPER WRITES THAT LONG A SYMBOL OF RIVALRY BETWEEN THE WORLD'S TWO MOST POWERFUL NATIONS, SPACE BECAME FOR A WEEK A SYMBOL OF THEIR DETENTE. BOTH THEMES, RIVALRY AND DETENTE, SEEM LIKELY TO PERSIST IN THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET SPACE PROGRAMS. (A-4)

A SUN EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OVER THE SIZE AND NATURE OF WEAPONRY BEING SOLD TO JORDAN IS BOTH POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. TOO MUCH HARDWARE IS BEING SOLD ALL THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ANYONE'S GOOD. HOWEVER, THE U.S. SHOULD SHOW ITS SUPPORT FOR JORDAN'S ISOLATED MODERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. JORDAN IS IN FACT NOT ISOLATED IN THE ARAB WORLD. ALTHOUGH THE CHANCES ARE THAT THE SUPREME JOINT COMMITTEE

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WHICH KING HUSAYN AND SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASAD SET UP WILL ACCOMPLISH VERY LITTLE. A SLIGHT REDUCTION OF THE AGREED ARMS DEAL WOULD PUT THE PROPER MESSAGE ACROSS, AND BE THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO JORDAN'S SHIFTS IN POLICY. (A-8)
R. H. SHACKFORD COMMENTS THAT MANY PROBLEMS FACE THE U.S. AS ITS THIRTY YEARS OF HEGEMONY OVER WHAT WE USED TO CALL "FREE ASIA" ARE ENDING. BUT THE SEVERAL TESTS COULD COME IN KOREA, WHERE AMERICANS ALREADY HAVE FOUGHT ONE WAR AND THERE IS CONCERN LEST IT STUMBLE INTO ANOTHER GREAT TRAGEDY. (A-8)

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